

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Fuse device, particularly for ensuring protection of a cable harness, comprising a strip fuse that has at least two connector contacts,

~~characterized in that~~ wherein

at least one connector piece (2) is firmly set onto at least one connector contact (3), in electrically conductive manner, and that the strip fuse (1) and the placement region of connector contact (3) and connector piece (2) are sealed and covered, at least in sections, with an electrically insulating material.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it is inserted into the course of a cable bundle (8) and that the cable bundle (8) and the seal (9) have approximately equal cross-section dimensions.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in that~~ wherein connector contact (3) and connector piece (2) are welded to one another.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connector piece (2) is a cable bracket (7).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connector piece (2) is an angled profile (11).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connector piece (2) is a distribution profile.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing material is a plastic.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic is a castable plastic.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic is a pressable plastic.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to claim 6 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic is an injectable plastic.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of claims 7 to 10~~ claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic is a thermoplastic or a duroplastic.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a gasket element that surrounds the connector piece (2) is disposed on the latter.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the gasket element is a tightly fitting O-ring (10).

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): Fuse device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one opening (12, 13) is made in the sealing material.